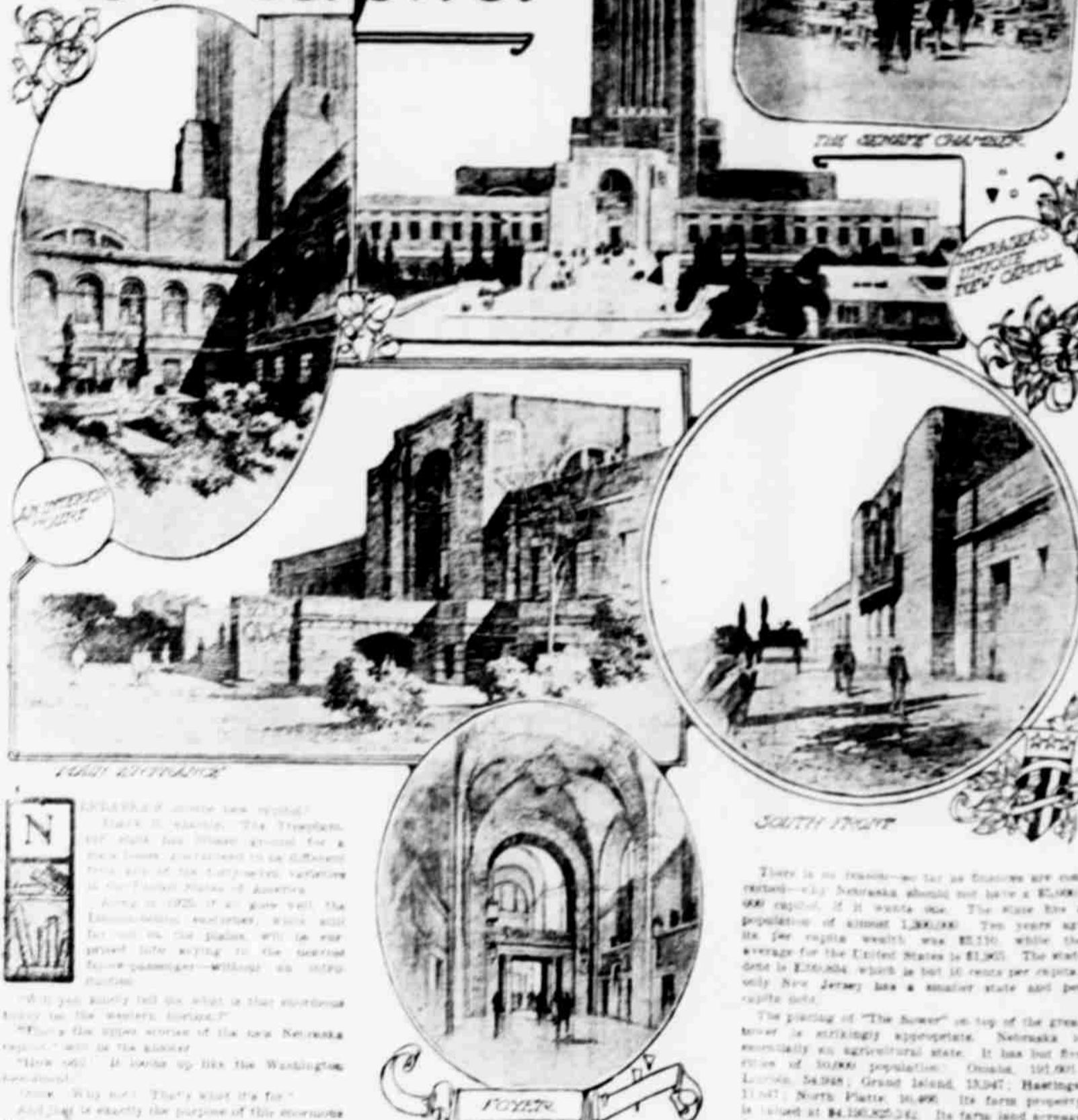


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INTERIOR OF THE NEW CAPITOL

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OAKLAND, CALIF.—The Nebraska State Capitol has been planned for a more formal appearance than any previous capitol in the United States or America.

According to Mr. C. E. Gandy, the architect-engineer, who will be responsible for the plan, will be surprised later by saying no the number of passengers—without an introduction.

What you would tell him? What is that enormous library in the western library?

This is the upper story of the new Nebraska capitol, where no one knows.

"How odd! It looks up like the Washington dome."

Once, why not? That's what it's for."

And just to exactly the purpose of this enormous library.

The object of the architect in making this design, says the officially inspired description, was to "make the comparatively flat state of Nebraska fit into an enormous building which could be made an object of beauty and a source of attraction." This tower, surmounted by a colossal statue called "The Tower," will be seen, if it is well located, from 30 to 40 miles from every direction.

This capital marks the greatest departure ever made in American statehouse architecture. No ornate, decorative wood work, nor with columns, has this plan not succeed through a series of competitions given under the auspices of the American Institute of Architects. Three Nebraskans were selected in a preliminary competition to which the economic and political aspects of the proposed were considered as well as the architectural requirements. Seven firms of national reputation outside of Nebraska joined in the competition which resulted in June, 1929, in the selection of Bertram G. Goodhue of New York as the architect of the commission.

For a year after the adoption of the plan it was studied and restudied, not only by the architect and his staff, but by the commission and by the public. Some changes have been made, but the essence of the original design remains, promising a public building of unusual strength and beauty as well as economy of space and low operating costs, according to the Nebraskan view.

The appearance of the United States capitol at Washington is familiar to most Americans. Also it has doubtless served as a model for most American state houses. A comparison between the United States capitol and the Nebraska capitol will emphasize the extent of the latter from the conventional and also give an idea of the size of the new structure.

The United States capitol is about 750 feet long and the dome is 135 feet in diameter; the building therefore, covers about four acres. The dome is 285 feet in height, from the base to the crest of the statue of "Freedom." The cost was about \$16,000,000.

The Nebraska capitol is approximately 440 feet square; it, therefore, covers almost four acres. The cost is to be \$5,000,000. It will have a basement below the grade, a first floor forming a terrace entirely around the building, and a main floor bringing the parapet to a height of 51 feet from the ground level. The chief feature of the structure is a tower rising from the center to a height of 400 feet. This tower, surmounted by a colossal figure called "The Tower," will be 80 feet square at the base and will taper only slightly as it rises. It is a square, severe shaft, pierced on each of its four sides by long continuous windows and terminating in a graceful dome of colored glass.

But while this architectural feature will distinguish the building and make it different from all other state capitols, it is also utilitarian to the very top. The lower portion of the tower will contain the main rotunda. Above this it will carry a dozen floors of offices, housing many of

the state departments and providing room for an inevitable expansion of the storage space for the state library. At the top underneath the dome, will be located the war trophy room. This will be a magnificent apartment with space to store in permanent safety the battle flags and other relics of Civil War, the Spanish and Philippine wars and the World war.

The lower which brings in a strictly utilitarian feature to take the place of the ornamental but economically useless dome is the most striking feature of the plan, but it means its only economy. The basement and first floor will house the service features and many of the state departments. The chambers which distinguish such a building will be found on the main floor. Entering from the north by a broad flight of stairs, the visitor finds himself in the hall of state, a vaulted apartment approximately 50 feet high, and containing niches for statues and spaces for inscriptions and several paintings. At the left will be a series of rooms for the governor.

Passing directly to the center of the building and standing in the rotunda, the visitor will have at his right a beautifully designed senate chamber and at his left a somewhat larger apartment for the house of representatives. In front he will see the doors leading to the supreme court rooms with the state library immediately above.

Four courts opening to the sky admit light and air to the interior. The arrangement is such that every office in the structure opens either upon the outside or upon one of these courts. The library and the chambers of legislation are lighted by clear-sky windows. Even the rotunda, which in practically all capitals must be illuminated artificially, receives direct light from windows cut into the tower as it emerges from the roof. The marvel of the design is that it covers so much ground and has so large a capacity without requiring artificial lighting in any department.

The style of architecture employed is simple and dignified. Nothing is employed, in fact, but well established forms. Simplicity is the keynote. The material is to be of stone of a rather light buff tone. The tower will be of steel construction with wind braces to give it security.

The building will be enriched by sculpture, paintings and vaulting of colored and gilt tile. The figures over the main entrance, representing wisdom, justice, power and mercy, have already been modeled by Lee Lawrie, to whose hands has been entrusted all the sculpture for the completed building. Inscriptions drawn from the great storehouse of the world's wisdom will be carved on the walls. Space will be left for mural paintings, but these will not be included in the present work of the commission.

Nebraska has appropriated \$5,000,000 for the erection of its new capitol, without furnishing. More than one-half of the money has been collected. A levy has been made for a considerable portion of the remainder. Contracts will be let during the summer in time to insure the completion of the building before the close of 1932.

HOW TWO WOMEN ESCAPED OPERATIONS

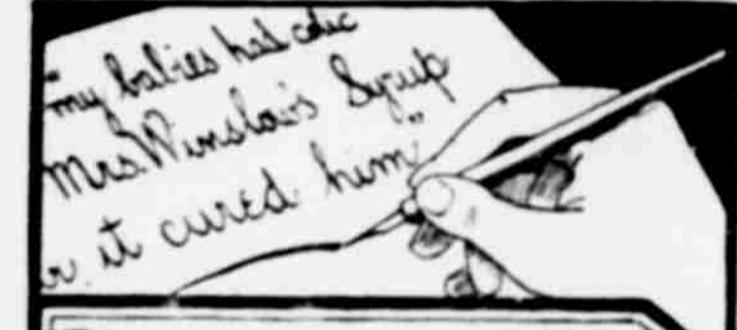
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